

SENATE BILL 3299

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
Chapter 8, relative to duties of the peace officer
standards and training commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Section 38-8-122.

(a) In addition to the duties set out in § 38-8-104, the commission shall by rule establish the manner in which Title 18, 44 U.S.C. ss. 926B and 926C, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, relating to the carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers, as defined in such federal law, shall be implemented in this state. Such law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement officers shall be permitted to carry in this state any firearm not prohibited by Title 18, U.S.C. section 926C. In order to facilitate the implementation within this state of Title 18, 44 U.S.C. ss. 926B and 926C, the commission shall develop and authorize a uniform firearms proficiency verification card to be issued to persons who achieve a passing score on the firing range testing component as utilized in the minimum firearms proficiency course applicable to active law enforcement officers. The verification card shall indicate the person's name and the date upon which he or she achieved the passing score. Each such card shall be issued only by firearms instructors certified by the commission.

(b) Facilities operating firing ranges on which firearms instructors certified by the commission administer the firing range testing component as utilized in

the minimum firearms proficiency course applicable to active law enforcement officers may open the firing range under terms and conditions established by the operating entity to other persons for purposes of allowing such persons to demonstrate their ability to achieve a passing score on the firing range testing component as utilized in the minimum firearms proficiency course. All costs associated with the demonstration by any such person that he or she meets the requirements of the firing range testing component as utilized in the minimum firearms proficiency course shall be at the expense of the person being tested.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.